

**PUBLIC OYSTER SEED GROUND VESSEL PERMIT APPEALS BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**September 17, 2013**

**JAKOV JURISIC**

**CHAIRMAN**

**NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

The following constitute minutes of the Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals  
Board Meeting

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September 17, 2013 – 10:30 A.M.  
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
LDWF OFFICE IN THE UNO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY BUILDING  
2021 LAKESHORE DRIVE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70122

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jakov Jurisic at approximately 10:42am.

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

- Wilbert Collins – Present
- Rodney Fox – Absent
- Jakov Jurisic – Present
- Buddy Daisy – Absent
- Shane Bagala – Present
- Brad Robin – Present
- Peter Vujnovich, Jr. – Absent
- Dan Coulon – Present
- Byron Encalade – Present

Quorum present.

II. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of July 30, 2013

- Encalade – Motion to Approve
  - Robin – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

III. Hearing of Deferred New Permit Appeals

A. Marty Melerine (not attending)

- Ty Lindsey, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Biologist, reported that Melerine asked via phone for a third deferment.
- Bagala – Motion to defer
  - Coulon – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

IV. Hearing of New Renewal Permit Appeals

A. Raymond Green (not attending)

- Lindsey stated that Green asked via phone to be deferred.
- Bagala – Motion to defer
  - Robin – Seconded
  - Encalade said Green's appeal is similar previous appeals in that LDWF did not notify permit holders of the need to renew the permit. He felt the appeal could be dealt with by the Board.

- Robin agreed with Encalade
- Jurisic felt Green should come before the Board before a recommendation is made.
- MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

B. Troy Alfonso

- Lindsey explained that Alfonso claims damage was suffered by his vessel from Hurricane Isaac in 2012. He did not renew his 2011 permit in 2012 since he was unable to fish due to his vessel being damaged. In addition, he was not aware of the need to renew the permit. Further, he thought he had renewed the permit.
- Alfonso stated his vessel sunk in the marsh.
- Robin vouched for Alfonso's story.
- Robin – Motion to recommend a renewal permit be issued to Alfonso
  - Encalade – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

V. Update on Recommendations Made at July 30, 2013 Meeting

- The Board made six recommendations at its last meeting.
  - Brett Johnson appealed for a new permit. The Board recommended a permit be issued to him. Secretary Barham agreed with the Board's recommendation. Johnson will be issued a permit once Licensing receives payment from him.
  - Vlaho Mjehovich appealed for a new permit. The Board recommended a permit be issued to him. Secretary Barham agreed with the Board's recommendation. Vlaho was issued a permit on August 13, 2013.
  - Kerry Cosse' appealed for three renewal permits on three vessels. The Board recommended renewal permits be issued to all three vessels. Secretary Barham agreed with the recommendation. Renewal permits were issued to Cosse' on August 13, 2013.
  - Danny M. Smith appealed for a renewal permit. The Board recommended a renewal permit be issued to him. Secretary Barham agreed with the recommendation. A renewal permit was issued to Smith on August 13, 2013.

VI. Receive Public Comments

- There was some discussion about replacing Board members Rodney Fox and Buddy Daisy whose meeting attendance has been sporadic. The Board requested LDWF to look into the validity of the Terrebonne Oyster Association, which is the organization that appointed Daisy to the Board. Jurisic said he had spoken to John Tesvich of the Louisiana Oyster Dealers & Growers Association, which appointed Fox to the Board.

VII. Set next meeting date

- Encalade – Motion to set next meeting date in conjunction with the next OTF meeting.\*
  - Collins – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

VIII. Adjournment

- Bagala – Motion to Adjourn
  - Collins – Seconded
  - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:19am; Duration of Meeting: approximately 37 min.

*Minutes submitted by Ty Lindsey, LDWF Biologist*

*\*The OTF met later the same day as scheduled and set Tuesday, November 12, 2013 as their next meeting date. Therefore, the next Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals Board meeting is scheduled for 10:30am on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at the LDWF offices on the UNO campus.*